

## Message Text

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ACTION AF-10

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R 091612Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY FREETOWN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7657  
INFO AMEMBASSY MONROVIA  
AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

C O N F I D E N T I A L FREETOWN 1499

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, SL  
SUBJ: ONE PARTY STATE TO BE DECLARED?

REF: FREETOWN 1339

1. ACCORDING TO BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION SOURCE, PRIME MINISTER  
C.A. KAMARA-TAYLOR TOLD FORMER EDITOR WEST AFRICA, DAVID  
WILLIAMS, AND NEW EDITOR WEST AFRICA, KENNETH MACKENZIE,  
THAT ONE-PARTY STATE WOULD BE DECLARED WEDNESDAY, MAY 17.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT QUESTION RELIABILITY  
OF SOURCE OR WILLIAMS, OUR SOUNDINGS ON INTERNAL POLITICAL  
SITUATION INDICATE CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION TO ONE-PARTY STATE  
EXISTS AND THAT SLPP REMAINS FORMIDABLE OPPOSITION. WHILE  
PRESIDENT STEVENS HAS NEVER INDICATED A SCHEDULE FOR PRO-  
CLAIMING A ONE-PARTY STATE, SUCH A DECLARATION AT THIS  
TIME SEEMS PREMATURE AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THE PRIME MINISTER'S  
REMARK WOULD BE MORE UNDERSTANDABLE IF HE MEANT THAT A MOTION  
TO ENACT A ONE-PARTY STATE WOULD BE INTRODUCED IN PARLIAMENT  
NEXT WEEK. SUCH A STEP WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH THE CON-  
STITUTIONAL PROCESS AND WOULD GIVE THE GOVERNMENT TIME TO  
GAUGE THE VIGOR OF ONE-PARTY OPPOSITION BEFORE TAKING A  
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DECISIVE STEP.  
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